

Hearing The Call

[Genesis 12:1-9](#)

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- * What did you hear?
- * What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- * What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

MINI-REFLECTION

Abram and Sarai's call came to them at 75 years old. Because they were willing to answer God's call and push into new and unknown territory, the trajectory of all of our lives have been changed.

The life of Christian faith is not about playing it safe and boring, but about understanding that God's call invites us into something bigger than ourselves. The most common thing that stops us is fear, and not surprisingly, the most common command in the Bible is "do not be afraid." **When have you been able to move beyond fear into what you felt God was calling you to do?**

One of the most common regrets is not taking risks. **When have you felt a nudge and didn't take the risk?**

Paul writes that one of the first fruits of the spirits is peace. If we pray, and have our community support us in prayer, we can trust that there will be a peace that passes understanding surrounding the answer.